



#LANDBACKINAGOODWAY



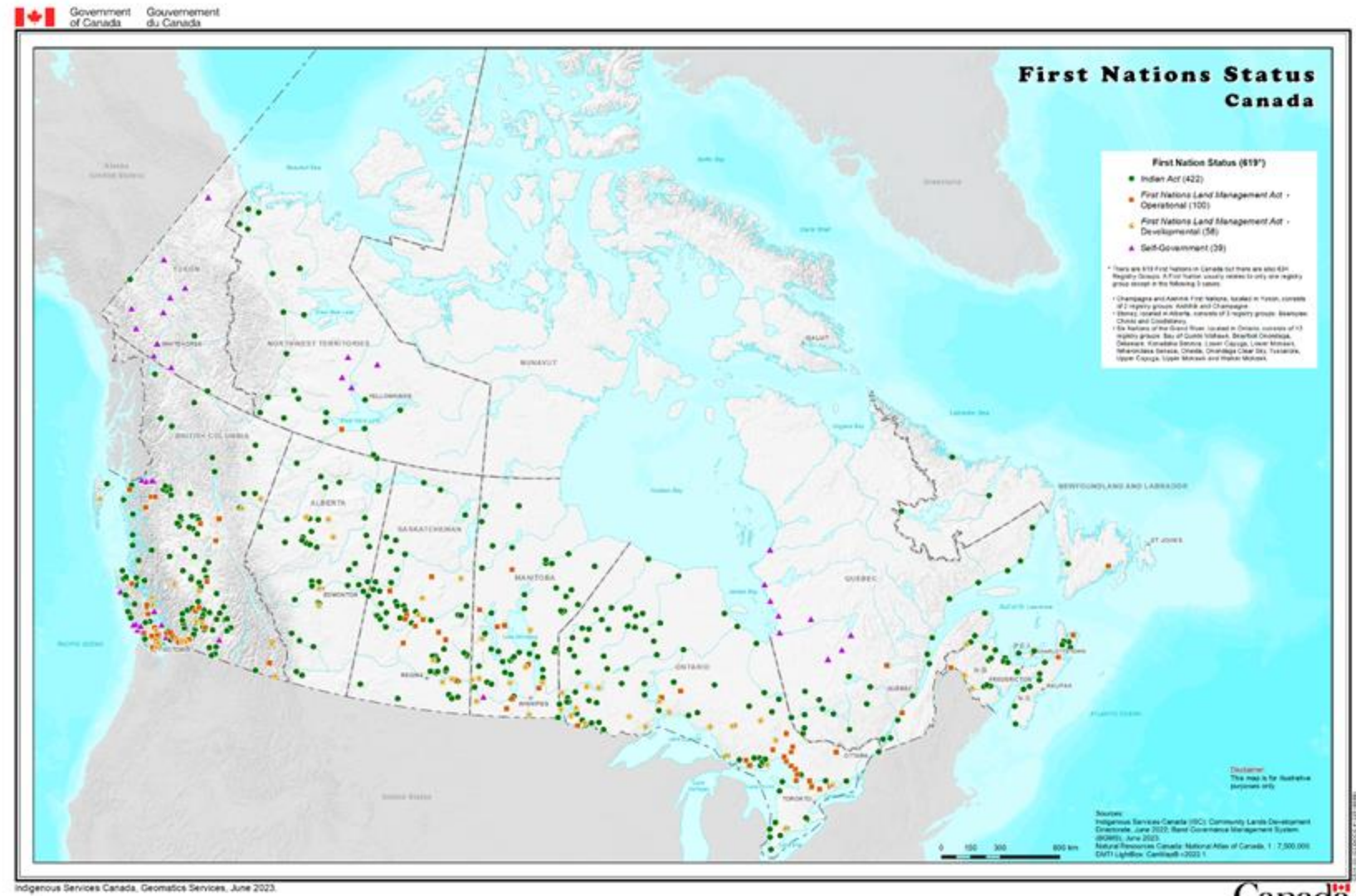
# AANIIN BOOZHOO

Becky Big Canoe is a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island of Lake Simcoe which she refers to as Wawasagaming and the community of Georgina Island as Ashunying. She believes that an important part of reclaiming our place is to use our original names and to assert our relationship to these lands and waters of southern Ontario. She is a founding member of Mno Aki Land Trust which is an effort to reclaim more spaces for Indigenous life and worldview via land donation to the conservation trust. Becky is an advocate for right relationship with land and water, two of the many great gifts from the Creator, on which we are to actualize our dreams, and make a livable paradise for future generations.

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Canada is a vast country (9.985 million sq km) but just 0.2 percent of its total landmass is reserve land. That 0.2 percent of Canada's landmass is home to 339,595 Indigenous people (2016 Census), or 0.2% of the landmass houses 20% of the Indigenous population.



# MNO AKI LAND TRUST

- Federally Incorporated land trust and registered charity
- National in scope, local priorities and governance
- Can receive lands and give charitable receipt
- Grandmothers Governance



# Guidance from our Ancestors

We're in the time when we  
hear them calling to us to  
remember who we are, truly  
the watershed moment.

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*"To heal our communities and provide thriving futures  
for our children that are based in our cultural values,  
we cannot do this without access to land."*



## 7 Generations Thinking

Conserve, hold, sustainably use, and regenerate land, water, plants, animals and relations among them for the health and benefit of this and future generations



# Collaborative Relationships

Foster ecological stewardship by conducting and publicly sharing research, education, awareness and training



# Revitalizing Traditional Practices

Regenerate ecological connections and relationships by fostering Indigenous and other appropriate cultural practices on the land and waters



# CONSERVATION ON INDIGENOUS TERMS

- ICE Report 2018:

*“In Indigenous worldviews, conservation is achieved when the relationships and uses that have conserved the lands and waters for thousands of years remain intact or are re-established.”*

- Received charitable status in Jan 2023
- Our focus areas:
  - Food
  - Housing
  - Healing
  - Learning



# FOOD

- Food Sovereignty & Security
  - Land-Based Diets
  - Traditional Harvesting
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# HOUSING

- Natural/Healthy Buildings
  - Revitalizing Traditional Ways
  - Energy efficiency
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A photograph of a person standing on a wooden dock, with their feet submerged in a body of water. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the person's legs. A bright, multi-colored light effect, resembling a rainbow or a magical spark, emanates from the point where the feet touch the water. The background is a lush green landscape with trees and foliage.

# HEALING

- Traditional Practices
- Access to the Land
- Access to Knowledge & Teachings

A young girl with dark hair is shown from the chest up, holding a small plant with red berries and a yellow leaf. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

# LEARNING

- Land-Based Skills
- Environmental Assessments
- Traditional Ways

# GRANDMOTHERS GOVERNANCE

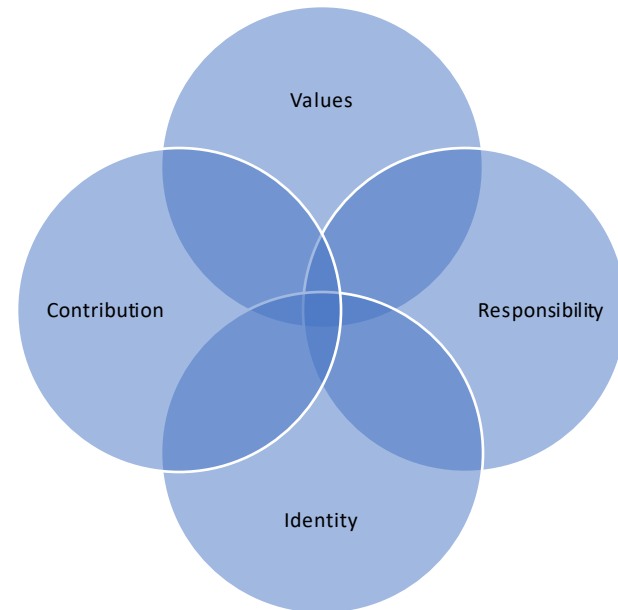
- Why - Largest repository of knowledge
  - How - As Board and Council
  - Who – The coming together for the wellbeing of all
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# CLAN SYSTEM & TRADITIONAL LAND GOVERNANCE

- What is it
- How it works
- How we are applying it



# TAX INCENTIVES

- Charitable receipts
  - Ecological Gifting Program
    - how long
    - wills and estates
    - farms and acreages
    - forest lots
    - ecologically sound parcels
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# OUR NEXT STEPS

- Governance & Processes
- Strategic Planning
- Exploring partnerships
- Awareness & advocacy – a national platform
- Pilot Site – King City & Timmins



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